



Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee

1st Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'

Monday November 9, 2015

APPROVED MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John David Milam, Ted Ribultan,
George 'Andy' Anderson, Jacqui Walters

Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:30

ROLL CALL

Present: T. Ribultan, A. Anderson, J. Walters
Absent: J. Milam, missing seat
Staff: Chief Strand, Tyrell Staheli, Dennis Speer
Recording Secretary: K. Harker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Motion To Approve Agenda Was Made By Mr. Anderson Seconded by Ms. Walters. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 3 Ayes (Anderson, Ribultan, Walters) 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Milam) 0 Abstain*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment Opened at 5:32

Public Comment Closed at 5:33

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- Introduction of New Member Jacqui Walters
Ms. Walters introduced herself and indicated that she has grown up in the community and volunteered for the position to bring new perspective to the committee. She is happy to be involved and to be here.
- Interim Report
Mr. Ribultan discussed the Resolution regarding the Interim Report and how it states the committee can choose to do an Interim Report or not. An Interim Report would come out at the end of the third quarter and the fiscal year-end report is done right after the CAFR is done and reported to the City Council in January. Mr. Ribultan brings the Report to the Committee to get feedback as to whether the report needs to be done or

forgone. The numbers are not going to change much between the Interim Report and the Final Report. The Final report will just have more depth to the report. The narratives will show any strengths or weaknesses of the Measure L tax.

Ms. Walters asked what this report is used for. Mr. Anderson explained how the funding is received and expended from the budget. This report given by the Committee are what the City Council and the Public will review to ensure that the funding has been spent on Public Safety and Streets (Gas Tax). Ms. Walters indicated that by looking at the report so far she sees the report as a communication tool and that the committee needs to communicate information into the public. Ms. Walters gave some of her own experiences of not knowing what the funding was or had been used for.

Mr. Ribultan is asking the committee to look at the report and ask "Where is the sustainment?" Ms. Walters agrees that a lot more meat needs to go into the report. She noticed that there was a dot, dot, dot at the end of the street that were paved. Mr. Ribultan stated that he is just waiting for that information.

Chief Strand asked that this report should show to the public and the City Council what it would look like if Measure L was not in existent and how it would affect the Police Department. He would like to write an impact statement about how the Measure L funds have been a major component for the last three year to the Department and what it would look like if he lost 13 officers. The committee has no objection to Chief Strand providing an impact statement for the Interim Report.

Ms. Walter once again indicated that this report should be used as a PR tool and she would be willing to work with the committee to make sure that the information got out into the papers.

Mr. Ribultan asked again how the committee wanted to go about handling the Interim Report. Mr. Anderson felt that the committee needed time to look it over along with the numbers and come back in December to make a final review. The report right now has the major components as to the breakout of the funds. The narratives and the matrixes would be the only items that would need to be address for the Final Report.

Mr. Ribultan had a handout to give to the committee, but Ms. Harker informed him that he is unable to distribute it because it was not in the agenda packet that was posted 72 hours in advance. He asked if he could discuss the information and Ms. Harker indicated that that is ok. Mr. Ribultan feels that there is a list of information and data flow that should be available to the committee and the committee just need to get the information out. The handout will be distributed at the next meeting for discussion.

For information purposes of the new committee member Ms. Walters, the committee discussed the fiscal year and how the expenditures and revenues work between the state and the city. She was also informed that the paving season overlaps the fiscal year and this makes it difficult for the committee to get the information about the streets that are paved.

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Mr. Anderson – read from the 2013-2014 Final Report. Mr. Anderson indicated that he had asked for a report from the Finance Director to show how much of the General funds were made available to the Public Works Department and the Public Safety in compare to the Measure L Funding. He once again discussed the backfill issue and felt that these two departments should not be underfunded and augmented by the Measure L Funds. They should receive the General Funds they deserve and Measure L should be added to that. He felt that the committee had a right to take this information to the City Council or report it in the Annual Report.

Mr. Speer -The bill was to maintain the level of services. He felt that the committee is asking for information outside of their purview and that they should only be looking at the expenditures and revenues of Measure L.

Mr. Staheli - revenue has gone down each year since we started receiving the Measure L funding. The Gas Tax Fund does not receive what it use to and our property tax is also lower. Every department has been making proportional cuts to balance the budget and then Measure L is added to the Public Safety and Gas Tax. The Committee also needs to remember that even this is a tax that will go up and down depending on the economy.

Mr. Speer and Mr. Staheli agreed to give Mr. Anderson a report that showed the decreases of revenue since the beginning of the Measure L Tax so that he can see that the City's revenue is going down each year.

Ms. Walters – I'm just happy to be here and looking forward to working with the committee.

Mr. Ribultan – I am assuming that all paving has stopped until spring? Mr. Speer indicated that the Streets Department will continue through the winter time doing as many potholes, crack-filling, and clear for drainage for the anticipation of the rain we are expecting this year. Mr. Ribultan has a hard time understanding that there were only three streets paved this last summer: Upjohn Avenue, Gold Canyon, and parts of Downs Avenue. Mr. Speer indicated that a new Request for Proposal has gone out for a new Pavement Management System and that will help determine where we need to go from here. We have finished most of the two year list which was the major roadways and will now be going into the residential sections. We will group these projects so to get the best value for our dollar. Most of these will be micro-surfacing which a method of maintenance. The Streets Department will also continue with the Sign Replacement Program to get the City into Federal Compliance.

Mr. Ribultan had a hand-out given by Mayor Breeden during the Petroglyph Festival and asked why this information was not being given to the Committee. Ms. Harker indicated that most of those projects on that list were capital improvement projects and not being paid by Measure L funds but by Tax Allocation Bonds. Mr. Ribultan questioned this and Ms. Harker indicated that she could go back through and tell the committee what projects were funded by Measure L and if there were any Measure L Dollars that were used or going to be used for these projects.

The committee discussed how in the past Measure L funds had help with matching funds with federal dollars.

SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss Interim Report
Information Matrix

NEXT MEETING:
December 14, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjournment 6:17.